

The Weather
Unsettled with occasional light rain tonight and Saturday, fog in morning, little change in temperature.
Highest yesterday..... 51
Lowest this morning..... 36
To 5 p. m. yesterday..... 37
To 5 a. m. today..... 44

The Big Day
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CONGRESS MAY DRAFT OWN BUDGET



Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—In the "thinking" stage is a plan to abolish the state public utilities commissioner in Oregon, in order that Paul J. Raver, the administrator of Bonneville, can dictate resale rates of Bonneville power.

Government ownership advocates are not satisfied with the state of Oregon rather than the federal government (through an agency) fixing the schedule of rates which customers of utilities must pay. Argument: If the interstate commerce commission, a federal agency, can fix rates for railroads, it is just as proper and logical for a specific federal agency to designate rates for electric energy.

DRASTIC as the idea may appear, it is already being started in the state of Kentucky where, at the present session of the general assembly, a measure is proposed to repeal the laws creating the public service commission. The charge is made that this movement in Kentucky is inspired by officials, engineers and attorneys of TVA.

The Oregon situation has been attracting attention in the national capital because of the PUD elections, with emphasis on the rejection of a PUD in Lane county, and the allegations that men on Bonneville payroll insist on the administrator fixing resale rates—even to the municipally owned plant in the city of Eugene.

Ardent advocates of TVA are grumbling that Bonneville is trying to cut under the TVA rates and that this should not be done, for TVA is supposed to be the "yardstick" for the nation. These advocates also hint that the officials of Bonneville are attempting to attract industries to the Columbia river region with cheap power, which might otherwise nestle down in the TVA principality.

This is the same squawk that was made by congressmen when they learned TVA was attempting to take industries (and payrolls) from their own districts, and they denounced the practice.

A SCOUT for this column has just returned from the deep south with this report: Among Democrats there is resentment against the new deal for several reasons, one being they think Mr. Roosevelt has been listening to too many "fellow travelers;" another, too much attention given colored people by Lady Eleanor. Republicans like Senator Taft because his father once lived at Atlanta; they regard Dewey as inexperienced. When Oregon's McNary was mentioned as a dark horse, the response was good, for McNary's progressive record is known and the fact that his pioneer parents were natives of

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S. F. Turkey Prices
San Francisco, Jan. 5.—(P)—Net prices paid producers for live poultry delivered San Francisco: turkeys, young toms, under 18 lbs., 16-16½c; 18 lbs. and over, 15½-16c; young hens, 17½-19c.

SIDE GLANCES
by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Audrey Davis and Eunice Winter giggling and swishing about while being in an undecided state whether or not to tell a pal some newsy bits.

The Rev. Herald Gardner being enthusiastic about this little valley.

Franklin Jones whisking a friend off to a fire only to find it was a false alarm.

Bessie Rector being reminded again and again how much she resembles daughter Juanita in both looks and voice.

SENATE G.O.P. FOR PROPOSED INQUIRY ON BUDGET ITEMS

Caucus Suggests Investigation of Military Policy to Determine Army Needs.

Washington, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) of the house ways and means committee tentatively endorsed today the Harrison proposal congress make up its own budget and tax program this session.

After a conference with President Roosevelt, who submitted his budget yesterday, Doughton said that for some time he had had in mind the same kind of fiscal study which Senator Harrison (D-Miss.), chairman of the senate finance committee, advocated last night.

Harrison called for creation of a 24-member senate-house committee to investigate budget and tax needs for two months while congress was concerned with other problems. His recommendation drew some qualified approval as well as strong opposition from other congressmen.

Cooperation Need Seen
Doughton said at the White House he thought there "should be close cooperation between the finance, ways and means and appropriations committees" before their various financial measures are started through congress.

Senate republicans, caucusing on the budget, suggested today congress investigate the administration's military policy, to determine national defense needs and appropriations.

Senator McNary of Oregon, the minority leader, said the 14 republicans who attended the conference agreed unanimously to support committee survey of budgetary needs, if the inquiry were extended to include defense requirements.

When the meeting broke up, Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) typed out the following statement, which McNary handed to reporters:

Favor Proposal
"It is agreed that the conference approves the Harrison proposal for a joint congressional committee to investigate and report upon budgetary matters including both appropriations and revenues and that it requests an extension of this procedure"

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HARRY HOLMES BABY IS BORN IN 'FRISCO

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Holmes of this city are the parents of an eight pound boy born this morning at 2 o'clock in a hospital in San Francisco.

The baby, according to Medford relatives of the Holmes, has not yet been named.

Dorothy MacKaye, Actress, Succumbs

Los Angeles, Jan. 5.—(P)—Dorothy MacKaye, 37, former stage star and wife of screen actor Paul Kelly, died today from injuries suffered in an automobile accident last Tuesday night.

War Bulletins

Paris, Jan. 5.—(P)—French artillery today pounded German villages 10 miles behind the western front, military sources reported, as patrol activity continued along the entire northern flank. French heavy shells were aimed at breaking up concentrations of German patrol troops. At the same time 75 millimeter shells were rained on the German side of "no man's land" to hinder enemy scouting forays.

Helsinki, Jan. 5.—(P)—The Finnish high command tonight reported continued successes on the eastern fronts, with the Finns killing 400 Russians and taking 40 prisoners in two encounters. The communists covered events yesterday. Today Soviet bombers resumed their raids on Finland but did not attack Helsinki.

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 5.—(P)—German authorities today closed the Basel rail route through Switzerland to foreign travelers, matching a measure taken by the French at the beginning of the war. There were reports that the closing of the line meant the Germans were preparing for some activity on the Swiss frontier.

Electric Wringer Grabs Hands Of Mother, Daughter

Watertown, Mass., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Leslie H. Mumford had a handful of badly crushed fingers today to remind her of harrowing moments last night which followed her successful effort to free her three year old daughter's hand from an electric clothes wringer.

Mrs. Mumford jammed her own hand into the roller and affected the child's release, but then found herself caught. She dragged the heavy machine to a telephone and called police, and then dragged it to the back door to let the officers in.

Police extricated Mrs. Mumford with crowbars.

BRITISH MINISTRY IS REORGANIZED BY CHAMBERLAIN

London, Jan. 5.—(P)—Prime Minister Chamberlain reorganized tonight the government with War Minister Hore Belisha and Minister of Information MacMillan retiring in the biggest political sensation since war started.

Tall, prematurely-gray Oliver Stanley, president of the board of trade, becomes war minister and as such a member of the war cabinet succeeding the former journalist.

Sir John Charles Walsham Reith, organizer of the British Broadcasting corporation and former director general of the government controlled station and head of the Imperial Airways, takes over the much criticized information ministry which is in charge of the war's censorship.

An iron and steel industry lawyer, Sir Andrew Rae Duncan, becomes president of the board of trade.

The latter two posts are not in the war cabinet.

Hore-Belisha was reported in political circles to have had differences with Lord Gort, head of the British expeditionary force, over matters of policy.

Reports also were current of a controversy between the war office and the air ministry under Sir Kingsley Wood over whether the British expeditionary force air arm would retain independent status or be placed under army control.

ARGENTINA TREATY EFFORTS DROPPED

Buenos Aires, Jan. 5.—(P)—Negotiations for a trade agreement between the United States and Argentina were temporarily abandoned today.

The negotiations began last August, but had appeared hopelessly deadlocked for several days.

A statement by Foreign Minister Jose Maria Cantillo indicated the international situation caused the abandonment.

BRITAIN WARNED AGAINST DAMAGE TO U.S. VESSELS

Will be Held Responsible if American Craft Forced Into British Control Ports.

Washington, Jan. 5.—(P)—The American government has warned Great Britain it would hold her responsible for damages resulting from "losses and injuries" if American ships were forced into British control ports.

The state department released today the text of a long note given to the British ambassador for forwarding to his government. At the same time it disclosed that an American ship, the Moormacusan, of the Moore and McCormack line, en route to Bergen, had been taken into Kirkwall, one of the British control ports within the area forbidden United States vessels by the neutrality act.

The department said that since it was a violation of the American neutrality law for an American vessel to enter the combat area, it called the American embassy in London last night to communicate immediately with the master of the Moormacusan and the obtain a full statement of the circumstances as a preliminary to possible action.

The state department's note to Britain dated December 14, made the point also American steamship companies are voluntarily cooperating with the British authorities.

London, Jan. 5.—(P)—The news that the American government had warned Britain she would be held responsible for damage to American ships forced into control ports brought disclosure by a reliable source today that neutral shippers had been bombarding diplomatic delegations here with protests.

These complaints, it was said, were against dangers from bombs, mines and torpedoes as well as to delays to ships taken for examination.

WIDOW OF FAIRBANKS TO RECEIVE HALF OF MOVIE-MADE FORTUNE

New York, Jan. 5.—(P)—Douglas Fairbanks left half of his estate to his widow, the former Lady Sylvia Ashley, it was disclosed when his will was filed for probate in surrogates court today. He stipulated, however, that her share should not exceed \$1,000,000.

The movie actor, former husband of Mary Pickford, died in Santa Monica, Calif., Dec. 12. A considerable part of his fortune was invested in United Artists, a movie producing group, in which Miss Pickford, now the wife of actor Buddy Rogers, is a partner.

To his son, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., the athletic movie hero left 12-40ths of his property, the total not to exceed \$600,000.

Fairbanks specified that his total bequests to his wife, son, "brothers and other relatives" should not exceed \$2,000,000.

WILLIAM POWELL WEDS YOUNG GIRL

Hollywood, Jan. 5.—(P)—Screen star William Powell and Diana Lewis, young actress, were married at a dude ranch near Las Vegas today, M.G.M. studio announced.

Miss Lewis was born in Asbury Park, N. J.

This was Powell's third marriage. His second wife was Carole Lombard, who now is Mrs. Clark Gable. Powell is 47. The bride is 23. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lewis, are veterans of vaudeville and the theater. Her sister is Maxine Lewis, a singer.

TRAFFIC MISHAPS TAKE NEW SPURT; FIVE RECORDED

George R. Holly and Franklin Steen Bruised by Smash-up on West Main Street.

Records of five new motorcar accidents today revealed another outbreak of traffic mishaps. Four of the five occurred within city limits.

Cars operated by George R. Holly, 37, of 334 Chestnut street and Jack L. Hamilton, 18, of route 2, collided on West Main street at Chestnut street last night. Holly and his passenger, Franklin Steen, 34, suffered bruises and lacerations. Both cars were badly damaged and had to be towed away.

Police reported that Hamilton was driving to Medford for a national guard drill and that Holly was attempting a left turn into Chestnut street when the accident occurred.

Boy Struck
C. C. Leonard, 42, of 614 South Holly street, was the operator of a car that struck William C. Messer, 9, of Sunset Drive as the boy attempted to cross South Holly street to St. Mary's academy, where he is a student, yesterday afternoon, according to a report on file today. Mr. Leonard took the boy into the academy where, after an examination, it was said he suffered no injury, police reported. The lens of a headlight on the Leonard car.

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MOFFAT IS ELECTED LEMMON SUCCESSOR AS SCHOOL DIRECTOR

John P. Moffat, manager of Mann's Department store, was elected to the Medford city school board at a special meeting of that body last night, and today notified the board of his acceptance.

Mr. Moffat was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of C. C. Lemmon who recently moved from the school district. Mr. Lemmon has been a member of the board for the past 11 years. His present term would have expired in June, 1940, and it is for this unexpired term that Mr. Moffat was elected.

Mr. Moffat is well known to Medford people, having lived in this city for 25 years, and for that time has been connected with Mann's Department store. He has served in various civic capacities, and is at present a director of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. He and his family reside at 104 Florence avenue. The Moffats have two children: John who is in junior high, and Billy who is in Roosevelt school.

Other members of the school board are Dr. R. E. Green, chairman; N. H. Franklin, vice-chairman; Eugene Thorndike and M. B. Jarmin.

DIVORCES, MARRIAGES DECLINED LAST YEAR

Divorce decrees granted in Jackson county during 1933 totaled 113. In 1932 the decrees numbered 143, a decrease of 30.

There was also a decline in marriages during the past year, with a total of 206. The previous year the total was 401.

AIR LINE STARTS KLAMATH FLIGHTS

Portland, Jan. 5.—(P)—The recently reorganized Oregon Airways Inc., began the first of five survey flights today to establish an air route between here and Klamath Falls via Prineville, Bend and Redmond.

After the surveys are completed, passenger flights will be made. H. E. Stearns, president and general manager, said.

"We have reason to believe that we will land a mail contract..." Stearns said. "During the interval of our survey flights and until we get a mail contract we will carry courtesy mail along this route."

STAR OF G.W.T.W. IS DEFENDANT IN DIVORCE

London, Jan. 5.—(P)—Barrister Herbert Leigh Holman has filed a petition for divorce against actress Vivien Leigh, star of the motion picture "Gone With the Wind," naming the British actor Laurence Olivier as co-respondent.

The action was disclosed today on the undefended list of divorce actions.

Roosevelt Pleads for National Unity



President Roosevelt is shown on the rostrum at the joint session of Congress when he made an emphatic plea for national unity in the face of war-born disintegration abroad. Behind the President are Speaker William Bankhead (D-Ala., left) of the House and Vice President John Garner of the Senate.

CARTER TO SEEK RENOMINATION AS CLERK OF COUNTY

County Clerk George R. Carter said today he intended to file for re-nomination to the office on the Republican ticket, in the spring primary. Carter, first elected in 1932, is widely known throughout the county.

All the county offices, with the exception of sheriff, county surveyor and justice of the peace for the Medford district will come up for election this year, and include district attorney, circuit judge, county judge, one county commissioner, assessor, treasurer, coroner, school superintendent, constables, and precinct committeemen.

It is expected all incumbents will seek nomination but it is too early for all to be definitely designated.

Judgeship Interests

Chief interest is expected to center in the county judge race. Assessor J. B. (Blin) Coleman is quoted by friends as saying he would seek the judgeship. He has been assessor for a score of years and is regarded as one of the leading authorities on lands and taxes in the state.

Commissioner Ralph Billings of Ashland is reported by acquaintances as "cogitating" the question of running for county judge, or seeking re-election as county commissioner. Billings himself, has so far been non-committal on the subject. Likewise is Judge Day, who, however, it is predicted will file.

The Democratic party, it is reported, plans on placing a full county ticket in the field.

There are also state legislators to be named, and Representative William McAllister, who made a mark at the last session, is mentioned as one of the likely candidates on the Republican ticket.

Russia and Bulgaria Agree To Sign Commercial Treaty

Moscow, Jan. 5.—(P)—Soviet Russia was reported to have concluded a commercial treaty with Bulgaria, opening a largely undeveloped trade field, while similar negotiations were begun with Japan and continued with Germany.

Bulgarian sources said the pact, which might be signed today, dealt principally with a Black sea shipping accord, and that political questions were not involved.

(There had been rumors in Sofia Russia might make military demands in connection with the treaty. Commercial relations between the two countries have been almost non-existent. Figures for 1933 show that Russia bought less than \$200 worth of Bulgarian merchandise.

(Bulgaria looked for the treaty to spread her present concentration on the German market and to increase Black sea traffic).

A Japanese delegation which arrived in Moscow yesterday was expected to conduct lengthy trade negotiations.

With the imminent end of Japan's trade treaty with the United States January 26, Japanese quarters have said that Japan must find other sources of supply, suggesting Russia for this role.

PARK BEARS SLOW IN TAKING TO BED

Klamath Falls, Jan. 5.—(P)—Some folks have trouble getting their children to bed. The Crater Lake national park rangers are having the same difficulty with bears.

Fifty bears have followed the age-old routine of hibernating for the winter but three are still prowling through the snow and growing fat on the garbage dump.

LIGHT FALL OF SNOW IN FISH LAKE REGION

Ed N. Judd, manager of the Medford irrigation district, said a telephone message from Fish Lake reported a light fall of snow there last night, and more was expected. A normal fall of snow there would increase the irrigation supply. Manager Judd reports usually the heaviest falls in the past have come in January, and is hopeful the weather will repeat in the hills soon.

Albany Flu Ebbs

Albany, Ore., Jan. 5.—(P)—Influenza cut the attendance of seven teachers and 160 pupils in the Albany public schools today. Superintendent R. E. McCormack, however, reported the illness had abated from the pre-Christmas holiday peak of 300 students.

HERRICKS' DAUGHTER ELOPES WITH 'ROMEO' TO SNOW PLAYGROUND

North Conway, N. H., Jan. 5.—(P)—The Rev. Raymond Phelps of the North Conway Congregational church said today he had learned Eileen Herrick and George Lowther, New York's Romeo and Juliet, shortly after their arrival here by plane.

The minister said he performed the ceremony at his home at 11:30 a. m., and that the young couple then went to the nearby Eastern Slopes Inn, popular skiing hostelry, for a wedding breakfast. The best man was Hans Schneider, famous skiing instructor, Mr. Phelps said, adding he did not know who the bridesmaid was who attended Miss Herrick.

Lowther and his bride visited toggeries in town and brought ski outfits, leading to the belief they planned to remain here for some time.

New York, Jan. 5.—(P)—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Herrick evinced deep distress today over their socialite daughter Eileen's elopement to New Hampshire with insurance salesman George Lowther, 3rd.

They said that she would always be welcome home, but that her husband would not, and intimated they thought he had exerted undue influence in bringing about the elopement.

ROOSEVELT QUILTS NEW RADIO CHAIN

New York, Jan. 5.—(P)—The resignation of Elliott Roosevelt as president of the newly formed Transcontinental Broadcasting system, which had been rumored in radio circles for several days, was disclosed today by officers of the chain.

Roosevelt, a son of the president, and a prime mover in the organization of the new system, resigned as of Dec. 31. No reason was given.

With more than 100 member stations, the network originally was scheduled to make its debut New Year's Day, but at the last minute a delay was announced. Since then the plans have been in doubt.